



ALEXANDRIA.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, OCTOBER 13.

JUDGING FROM the expressions of the solicitor of the Treasury, as narrated in the GAZETTE's Washington correspondence of yesterday, that functionary has a poor opinion of the way things are done in this city, and would change that way for the one he is used to in the North; and, what's more, in any matter in which the Government is interested, he will see that that change shall be made. Now, Mr. McCue may be a very great man, though but few people ever heard of him until the President picked him out for the position he holds; but, great or little, he evidently has yet to learn that the people of the country have rights as well as the Government, and that among those rights is that which prevents the Government from taking their property without compensation. As long as that right can be maintained, the directors of the Alexandria Canal Company, having the interests of that company in charge, will prevent the Government's possession of the piers of the aqueduct of the canal unless the purchase money shall come to the stockholders, and they be permitted to maintain their aqueduct. The lessees of the canal, as previously stated, leased the canal for navigation purposes, not to sell it. They have neither a legal nor an equitable right to sell it, even though the Government may want to buy it, to destroy it, and though the Government may own a good deal of its stock. The rights of one stockholder are as sacred as those of a thousand.

THE CORRESPONDENCE between Mr. Rice, editor of the *North American Review*, and Mr. Phelps, U. S. Minister to England, shows that the latter totally misapprehends not only the character of his own official position, but the essential spirit of the free institutions of the country he misrepresents. Freedom of speech and of the press is among the best guarded of American privileges. And yet the American minister at London abuses his position to prevent a highly respected American editor from bidding adieu to the future King of England, from whom he had received personal courtesies during his stay in that country, because that editor had published an article criticising in just though well merited terms the American Secretary of State, to whom he, the minister, owes the discovery of his fitness for the office he holds.

THE KNIGHTS of labor in Richmond are trying to weaken the democratic party in that city, so that the republican candidate for Congress may be elected there. Do they read, and have they memories? They profess to be opposed to monopolies. Did they never read, or have they forgotten, the published accounts of that famous banquet at New York just two years ago, at which Gould, Huntington, Field and Sage, and the other leading monopolists of the country, met and subscribed hundreds of thousands of dollars to elect a republican President? There is some excuse for the action of the colored knights in the case referred to, but none for their white brothers who are supposed to be intelligent men.

SECRETARY BAYARD says if political work must be rewarded with federal patronage, republican government is a failure. That being so, the question that naturally arises is, what reasons induced the Secretary to make many of the appointments at his disposal? Surely not for any good the appointees had done the country, nor for their proved ability to render it any good, nor for their high moral, social or intellectual character. If not for partisan service, Mr. Bayard's countrymen would like to know what on earth, or in the skies above, or in the waters under the earth, inspired him in the selection of many of his appointees.

THE COUNTY democracy of New York has endorsed Tammany's nominee for Mayor. This, it is supposed, will secure the election of that nominee, as the people of New York have long been honing for an honest and able Mayor, and as every man in that city knows that Mr. Hewitt is both. But if it should, it will greatly increase the power and influence of Tammany. John Kelley is dead, but wisdom has not departed from his wigwag. That the power and influence referred to will be exerted to the utmost to prevent the re-nomination of President Cleveland goes without saying.

MR. POWDERLY's matured views on the subject of the social equality of the white and black races, as expressed in his circular letter, meet with little approval from right thinking people who are at all informed upon that subject, whether they live in the North or South, or whether they work with their coats on or off. Nature has made a distinction between the black and the white man, and natural laws can neither be surmounted nor circumvented even by an organization so numerous as that of which Mr. Powderly is the chief.

MR. FRANK JONES, of New Hampshire, comes all the way to Washington to tell the newspapers there that the administration is gaining strength in his State. As a large republican majority has as firm a base in New Hampshire as her granite hills, the strength to which Mr. Jones alludes will have to be of rapid and abnormal growth to be of any practical benefit to the administration into whose favor he evidently wishes to ingratiate himself.

THE LONDON *Financial News* says: "Mr. Ruffin has furnished the bondholders with the very best argument they would wish for—an argument which proves that there are but two alternatives for the taxpayers of Virginia, either to pay the honest dollar now or Mr. Ruffin's \$10 later on." And that such is the case few sensible men who take a fair, reasonable and practical view of the question have a doubt.

AS TIME elapses and nothing is heard of the unaccounted for disappearance of any vessel that may have been in collision with the lost steamer Oregon, it becomes more and more apparent that the destruction of that vessel was due to the explosion of a dynamite bomb that was put aboard of her before she left England.

FROM WASHINGTON.

(Special Correspondence of the ALEX. GAZETTE.)
WASHINGTON, D. C., Oct. 13, 1886.

It is said here that Mr. Louis McKenzie, of Alexandria, has been in this city recently—since the republican conference in his city last week—talking about the probability of a republican candidate for Congress in that district, evidently implying that he would not object to being that candidate himself if any body would nominate him. Major Chichester, a well-posted democrat of Fairfax county, Va., here to-day, when told of this, said he hoped Mr. McKenzie would run, as Gen. Lee would easily defeat any man who could be run against him now, but that his majority over Mr. McKenzie would be above five thousand.

Secretary Manning arrived here last night and was in his room at the Treasury Department this morning. It was evident to all who saw him that he is not the same man he was when he left here six months ago, and, if he had a paralytic stroke, all doctors know he never will be. It is rumored at the Department today that appointment clerk Higgins will soon fill the place of chief of the secret service, vice Brooks, to be removed, and that young Mr. Albright, whom Mr. Manning brought here with him, will fill the place Mr. Higgins now holds.

The U. S. Supreme Court to-day resumed the hearing of the argument in the case of the creditors of the Pacific National Bank of Boston, Senator Hoar speaking. Among the lawyers present was ex U. S. district attorney C. J. Beach, of Alexandria. The court will adjourn to-day until Monday in order to allow the chief justice and some of the associate justices to be present at the reinterment of the remains of the late Chief Justice Chase, at Cincinnati.

Congressman Maybury, of Michigan, who is here to-day, says the democrats of his State will certainly elect a majority of the next Legislature and will therefore gain a United States Senator. Mr. Maybury says the course of the administration is not satisfactory to him. It is understood here that it is the same way with all the other democratic Congressmen from that State.

A private letter received here to-day from Col. E. Henderson, chairman of the democratic committee of Indiana, says that nothing that has not yet happened is more certain than that the democrats there will have a majority, probably as much as thirty-five, on joint ballot in the legislature and that a democrat is sure to occupy the seat in the U. S. Senate now filled by Senator Harrison. If the prognostications about Senatorial gains prove true the democrats will have a majority in that body in the next Congress.

People from Kentucky here to-day say it is well known in their State that Senator Beck was in the same boat with Mr. Willis, and that the defeat of the latter is a sure indication that the re-election of the senior Senator from their State will be strongly opposed next winter, so strongly that the probability is he will be defeated by a democrat who believes with his junior colleague that when the people of the country order a change in the administration they mean that that change shall apply to cross roads postoffices as well as to cabinet positions.

The President, the members of the U. S. Supreme Court, General Sheridan, and other distinguished persons, were present to-day at the removal of the remains of the late Chief Justice Chase from the cemetery here. The remains were taken to the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad depot, and from there will be carried to Cincinnati in the private car of President Garrett, the escort occupying the private car of first vice-President Spencer of that road.

Judge Wright and Chancellor Walker, of Tennessee, now here, say Mr. Phelan, the democratic candidate for Congress in the Memphis district, will be elected, and thus increase to the extent of one the democratic Congressional delegate from that State. Mr. Houk who now represents one of the other two republican districts in that State has a republican majority of ten thousand to back him, and Mr. Butler, the republican nominee in the other one, cannot, it is said, be defeated, though when in Congress before he was proved to have sold a cadetship.

Judge Key, one of the oldest democrats in the city, died here yesterday. The Judge was President Johnson's right-hand man in the latter part of his term, and was influential under the Buchanan administration. He came here many years ago from Indiana.

People here who profess they know what they are talking about, say that General Mahone has made arrangements for leaving Virginia after the close of his Senatorial term and for making this city his future home.

Mr. Marshall Parks, democratic candidate for Congress in the Norfolk district, is in the city to-day. He speaks favorably of his chances of overcoming the large republican majority in that district.

Commissioner Colman this morning received a telegram from Dr. Salmon, chief of the bureau of animal industry, in which he states that the investigation of the pest which shows that pleuropneumonia is widely scattering among the cattle at Chicago.

LOUISIANA ITEMS.

LOUISIANA, C. H., Oct. 12th, 1886.—The drought still continues in Louisiana. Very little wheat seeded yet on account of the drought. Farmers are much depressed owing to the heavy loss of tobacco from frost. It is estimated that from a third to a half of the crop is killed or damaged by the frosts of the mornings of October 1st and 2d.

The republicans of the county seem to be doing nothing in the way of organization.

The corn crop is a short one. No corn on low land owing to the heavy rains in the early part of the season.

WATER FAMINE.—Shenandoah, Pa., and the entire Mahoney Valley is threatened with a water famine, which must result in serious loss to business. But one shower of rain has fallen there in nine weeks, and the streams in the valley are almost wholly dried up. The water supply at the collieries is exhausted, and unless rain should come within the next few days most of the collieries will be compelled to suspend operations. The town supply is also running short, and the prospect of an entire exhaustion of the supply is causing great alarm among the people.

NEWS OF THE DAY.

Rear Admiral Edward Tatnall Nichols, died at Pomfret, Conn., yesterday, aged 61 years.

Prairie fires in Dakota have swept miles of farm lands and rendered many families destitute.

Mr. John Latouche, tailor, of Richmond, formerly of this city, has failed with liabilities of \$3,000.

M. Desmons will attend the dedication of the Bartholdi statue of Liberty as a representative of the French Chamber of Deputies.

Secretary Manning has returned to Washington, and resumed his duties at the Treasury to-day. Secretaries Bayard and Whitney are also back at their posts.

The police of Paris have arrested a number of "sandwich" men for displaying caricatures of Prince Bismarck, and have ordered the removal of similar caricatures displayed in the office of the *Kermesse*.

The nomination of Abram S. Hewitt for mayor of New York has been endorsed by the county democratic organization, and J. Edward Simmons, the business men's candidate, and O. B. Potter, the candidate of the committee of 100, have withdrawn in favor of Mr. Hewitt.

The centennial fair of the Lynchburg Agricultural and Mechanical Society was beautifully opened yesterday. The weather was beautiful, and a large crowd from all parts of the State and beyond was in attendance.

The display in all departments, especially in the line of cattle and fine horses, was excellent. Hon. John W. Daniel delivered the centennial address, which was an entertaining review of the South and the prosperity of the city.

Gov. Lee at Louisa Court House.

(Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette.)

LOUISA, C. H., Oct. 12th, 1886.—Yesterday being our county court day, there was a large turnout of citizens. Gen. W. H. F. Lee, our candidate for Congress, was on the court green and addressed the people in the courthouse. The general, after an easy and graceful introduction, spoke to the soldier element making the point that the best soldier in time of war made the best citizen in time of peace. Passing on he said that the republican Congressional committee had deemed it inadvisable to make a nomination, thereby swinging out a flag of truce. That he should respect that flag and say nothing disrespectful of his opponents, but that the democratic party should keep its armor bright, ever ready for the conflict, in case of a renewal of hostilities. In a few mainly words he urged our people to give the federal administration their cordial support. When speaking to the farmers, he spoke as a farmer, showing a sympathy for the tiller of the soil and a just appreciation of the burdens under which the agricultural classes are laboring.

The general also spoke of the three conventions that had met in the 8th district, remarking that the labors of the Calpeper convention had resulted harmoniously, and that all differences were then and there amicably adjusted. He told the people how two of the candidates had gracefully come before the convention, and in a manly way endorsed his candidacy, while the third (a telegram not reaching him, which had been sent by his friends) would, he believed, do all in his power to support the regular nominee.

In closing, the speaker insisted on a thorough organization, saying that if the democratic party wished to maintain its supremacy in the State, it must always be kept in working trim.

Gen. Lee made a very favorable impression on all of our people. Prior to his speech he held a conference with the county committee, from which there will be good results. His candidacy is received with marked satisfaction in this county, and we hope on the first Tuesday in November to prove our faith by our works. W.T.M.

THE COUPONS.

The U. S. Circuit Court, Judge Bond, in session in Richmond, was engaged yesterday in hearing evidence in one of Mr. Royall's suits for damages growing out of an officer's levying for taxes after a tender of coupons had been made. This suit was brought by Mrs. A. M. Willis, of Rappahannock county, against Miller, treasurer of that county, for \$10,000 damages. The treasurer, acting upon instructions from the auditor, levied on certain property to satisfy a tax bill of about \$136. The treasurer sold enough of that to pay the same, and returned the balance. It is alleged that Mrs. Willis was so disturbed about the levy that she packed up and removed a great part of her personal property to a place of safety. These were of great value, and consisted of articles inherited from Napoleon Bonaparte through her son, who married in the family of Murat, one of Napoleon's marshals. Mr. J. R. Tucker asked the witness if he had the identical coupons tendered. Judge Bond, at the instance of Mr. Royall, excluded the question. The court decided that the question of the genuineness of coupons could not arise in this case, as the objection was not made by the treasurer at the time on this ground, and the court further held it was immaterial whether the coupons were now held by the plaintiff or not, as he was not compelled to keep them after they had been refused. The judge stated that this was not a suit against the State, if so, the question whether or not he had the coupons might arise. The case was adjourned over till to-day for argument.

Mr. Tucker and Attorney General Ayers represent the State. It is reported that Gov. Lee sent for Mr. S. G. Tinsley, treasurer of Richmond, who refused to levy on property of persons who offer coupons for taxes, and asked him if he did not know he (Tinsley) would incur the democratic party by following the course he had taken. Mr. Tinsley reminded the governor that he was looking out for the interest of himself and his bondsmen, and that the interest of parties would not influence him. A member of the State Senate thinks Tinsley is doing right. The English bondholder, Mr. J. C. Cooper, of London, is in Richmond.

THE RACE QUESTION.—Last evening about 8:45 o'clock, while the concert was in progress at the Regimental Armory, a colored man, accompanied by two young colored women, ascended the steps, and stopping at the table where admission-tickets were sold by Major W. M. Evans, of the concert committee, said: "Is the concert over?"

Major Evans replied that it was not.

"I would like to get some tickets, then."

"It is utterly useless to sell you any tickets," said the Major calmly, "you can't get in: the doorkeepers won't pass you."

"I am a Knight of Labor and an invited guest," the man urged.

The ticket seller was still obdurate, so the man and his dusky companions turned away and passed out.

The belief was generally current that the negro who applied was Ferrell, the "dog" delegate, but when he was called upon and asked if he had been to the Armory to the concert, he answered that he had not.—*Richmond Dispatch*.



ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCHES.

A Terrible Crime.

St. Louis, Oct. 13.—A special from Houston, Mo., says: The most mysterious and diabolical crime ever perpetrated in southern Missouri was committed on Big Creek, 6 miles east of this city last Friday morning. On that morning at 3 o'clock, Mrs. Ella Williams, the bride of Rolfe Williams, was lying asleep by the side of her husband when some unknown person entered the bedroom, placed a pistol against her forehead, and sent a bullet through her brain. The report of the revolver awakened Williams, but he had been ill for some time and was unable to pursue the murderer. Two men, sleeping in an adjoining room, were also awakened, and they immediately went to the room after procuring a light. As they entered a most revolting scene met their eyes. The young bride lay motionless on the bed, blood streaming from her forehead and her brains protruding from the wound. The bullet had entered just above the right eye and that organ had been forced from its socket and was hanging by a chord upon her cheek. The men immediately made search for the murderer, but could not find any trace of him, and he is still at large. No possible motive can be assigned for the deed, except that some disappointed former lover of the bride took this means of revenge. Mrs. Williams, before her marriage, was the belle of the county, and bore an irreproachable character. The couple who were children of wealthy and respected farmers, had been married but two months.

Wife Murderer Captured.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—A special dispatch from Mineral Point, Wis., says: Barke Fairchild, the old man who killed his wife near Mineral Point and attempted his own life, was brought here last night and lodged in the county jail. He said that he was 72 years old, had been married twice, and had resided at Mineral Point for about forty years. He married his second wife, Mrs. Ayers, the divorced wife of Geo. Ayers, three years ago. She was 39 years old. He says that about 8 o'clock last Saturday night during a quarrel she struck him with a stick of wood and repeated the blows until he sank to the floor. He managed to regain his feet and ran for his shot gun and fired both barrels at her, killing her instantly. The firing was to frighten her. On the return of Miss Fairchild, a daughter of the murdered woman's first husband, he was examining the wound of his wife. Miss Fairchild screamed and ran for assistance. During her absence he took a revolver and fired two shots at his forehead. The first ball, which lodged in the scalp, was extracted by the physicians at Mineral Point, and the other was taken out of the corner of his left eye last night. Physicians think he will recover.

Knights of Labor.

RICHMOND, Va., Oct. 13.—The work of amending the constitution was resumed this morning in the General Assembly of the Knights of Labor and prosecuted throughout the session. The proposed amendment to the constitution extending to two years the terms of all general officers excepting those of the members of the co-operative board was taken up and adopted. The terms of members of the co-operative board remain as at present. Changes in the constitution require a two-thirds vote for their adoption. The General Assembly then proceeded to the election of general officers.

Sentenced.

BALTIMORE, Oct. 13.—On the second instant Andrew L. Hand and John Burk, hailing from New York, were arrested at the Merchants' National Bank in this city for stealing after the sneak style, \$50 from a party who had just received it from the paying teller. Yesterday Hand pleaded guilty and Burk stood trial which ended in conviction. To-day Judge Duffy sentenced each to the penitentiary for ten and a half years at hard labor.

Suicide.

READING, Pa., Oct. 13.—When Mrs. William Heim went into the yard of her residence this morning she found her husband, a respected and life-long resident of Reading, aged 64, hanging from a fruit tree and dead. He had gone out and committed suicide during the night. Cause was mental anxiety. About a half bushel of fruit was shaken down by the unfortunate man in his death struggles.

Texas Gale.

GALVESTON, Tex., Oct. 13.—The furious gale which set in yesterday subsided towards morning. To-day the weather is clear. The damage to shipping and railroad property is slight. Beyond the wetting of the cotton on two barges on the gulf side of the city, no serious damage has been done.

\$76,897 Short.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—A *Times* special from Vincennes, Ind., says: The experts, Messrs. Allen and Fleener, reported on the investigation of County Treasurer Hollingsworth's books last evening and find that he owes the county a balance of \$76,897. The final report created a great sensation.

M. de Lesseps.

PARIS, Oct. 13.—M. de Lesseps will leave Havre on Saturday for New York, where he will take part in the ceremonies in connection with the dedication of the Bartholdi statue of Liberty. He will be accompanied by Count Napoleon Ney.

The Bulgarian Election.

SOFIA, Oct. 13.—The elections in Bulgaria for members of the Great Sobranje have resulted in the return of 480 government candidates; of 26 members of the Zankoff party and of 15 adherents of M. Karaveloff.

Another Anarchist Captured.

CHICAGO, Oct. 13.—Another of the gang of anarchists who were captured in connection with the mob attack on the anarchist Sunday night, was captured by detectives last evening. He is a Swiss shoemaker named Gottfried Kasser.

Church Burned.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Oct. 13.—The Baptist Church at Bennington Centre, Wyoming county, was destroyed by an incendiary fire this morning. Loss \$40,000; insurance, \$10,000. The church people have been very active of late in prosecuting liquor dealers.

Became Crazy.

DUBLIN, Oct. 13.—The *Evening Mail* says that the Rev. Augustus Stophord Brooke, the eminent Unitarian preacher, has become crazy and has been confined in an insane asylum.

Nomination.

ST. LOUIS, Oct. 13.—The republicans of the 7th Congressional district nominated J. Martin for Congress yesterday at St. Charles, Mo.

Episcopal Convention.

At yesterday's session of the Episcopal Convention at Chicago a report was submitted from the committee on canons recommending that no church edifice should be consecrated while any debt or money lien rested upon it in any way. The committee also asked that the question of the consecration of colored people to the episcopacy should be referred to the committee on constitution.

A joint committee of both houses was appointed to consult with the authorities of the churches of England, Scotland and Ireland, and the Church of England in Canada, for joint action of all the branches of the church for the reception and spiritual care of emigrants.

The unanimous report of the joint committee on marriage and divorce, appointed at the General Convention of 1883, was submitted. It embodies a new canon, which contains several stringent modifications of the existing canon on marriage and divorce, which provides that no marriage of any person under 18 years of age shall be solemnized unless the parents or guardian be present, or has given written consent; that at least two witnesses knowing the contracting parties be present; that divorce can only be recognized or granted on the ground of adultery, the guilty person being forbidden to again marry during the lifetime of the person from whom he or she is divorced. The proposed canon forbids the remarriage of divorced persons under certain circumstances, and provides for penalties to be imposed upon the clergy for any non-observance of the strict letter of the canon.

Various memorials as to deceased members and suggesting proposed amendments of the prayer-book were referred.

Mr. Davis, of Maryland, presented a resolution providing for a joint committee of three bishops, three clerical and three lay delegates to consider the duty of the church in the work among the colored people of the United States.

Mr. Stensberg, of Indiana, offered an amendment requiring the committee so appointed to consider and report the best practicable plan on which to prosecute this proposed work, and also draft a canon to place the plan upon a permanent basis. The amendment also provided that the committee should submit its report, and that it be made a special order for next Monday. The resolution as amended was unanimously adopted.

It pays to be a member of the Knights of Labor, provided you are an officer. Powderly's salary has been raised from \$1,500 to \$5,000, which will be filched from the pockets of the real laboring men, who are bamboozled by a set of fellows who never work themselves, but receive all the benefits. But so wags the world, and if people would learn they must continue to suffer for their stupidity.

The happy woman who was cured of chronic headache by using Salvation Oil is enthusiastic.

OFFICIAL.

COMMON COUNCIL.

At a regular meeting of the Common Council held Tuesday, October 13, 1886, there were present: Hubert Snowden, President; Messrs. Moore, Alderson, Brant, Fisher, Goodrich, Whitting, Corbett, French, Harrison, Strider, Uhler and Sweeney.

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